

## **Risks and Prevention Scenario**

CPT Simpson has become close friends with 1LT Collins, who is his subordinate in the chain of command. CPT Simpson and his wife have been having marital problems for the past six months, so he stays late at work most of the evenings. One evening, after working late, CPT Simpson decides to go out to eat and doesn't want to eat alone, so he asks 1LT Collins, who is also working late, to join him. During the dinner, CPT Simpson starts drinking too much and breaks down, telling 1LT Collins all about his marital problems. CPT Simpson decides not to go home in his condition and asks 1LT Collins if he can crash out at her place for the rest of the night. 1LT Collins highly respects and trusts him, so she allows him to stay the night in her spare bedroom. An hour later, he wakes up and goes into 1LT Collins's bedroom to let her know that he appreciates her letting him stay there. While in her room, he pins down her hands and forces penetration. Afterwards, he apologizes for his behavior and leaves her apartment. His actions totally take her by surprise and leave her wondering what to do.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What preventive techniques could have helped prevent this assault?
- How did the use of alcohol affect CPT Simpson?
- How can leaders establish a climate that does not tolerate excessive drinking both on and off duty?
- What can you do to prevent Soldiers in your unit from becoming victims in similar situations?
- What does it take to foster a positive command climate?